



TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESOLUTION 23-26

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED GL CHAPTER 40B AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 121 GROVE STREET PURSUANT TO DHCD'S LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM (LIP): FRIENDLY 40B

- WHEREAS,** GL Chapter 40B Sections 20-23 provide a legal framework for the creation of local affordable housing which is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and DHCD has enacted a regulation creating the Local Initiative Program (LIP) which allows a Chapter 40B developer to work collaboratively with a municipality to obtain its support for a proposed affordable housing project; and
- WHEREAS,** DHCD's LIP regulation provides that a municipality demonstrate its support through its Chief Executive Officer's signing a letter of support, and Franklin's Home Rule Charter provides that the municipality's Chief Executive Officer is the Town Administrator; and
- WHEREAS,** The Franklin Town Administrator has created a voluntary process and checklist for a developer who proposes a Chapter 40B LIP affordable housing project to follow, which includes informal reviews by Town staff, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and a presentation to the Franklin Town Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Fairfield Residential has proposed to develop a Chapter 40B affordable housing project on approximately thirty acres of land located at 121 Grove Street consisting of up to three hundred, thirty (330) rental units; and
- WHEREAS,** Fairfield Residential has submitted an application to Town pursuant to the above-described voluntary LIP approval process and participated in above-referenced reviews and made a presentation to the Franklin Town Council at a duly posted public meeting thereof.

NOW THEREFORE the Franklin Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town of Franklin, hereby expresses its support for Fairfield Residential's proposed affordable rental housing project of up to three hundred, thirty units to be developed on approximately thirty acres located at 121 Grove Street and directs the Town Administrator to prepare and sign a letter of support to DHCD for the proposed project and to sign any DHCD applications and/or other forms and to take any other action which DHCD requires to demonstrate Town's support for the project.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council